

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention comprises a method and apparatus for locating and recommending a match to another. The invention provides people with a way to
5 take an active role in matchmaking between a friend, family member or client of theirs and a prospect date from a database of prospect-users. For example, users may be provided with the ability to review a repository of users who have registered with a dating service (referred to as prospect-users) in order to search for a person who may be compatible with a friend or associate of the user
10 performing the search (referred to as a searching-user). If the searching-user locates a prospect-user whom the searching-user thinks may be of interest to the searching-user's friend or associate (referred to as a client-user), the searching-user may recommend that person to the prospect-user. Thus, the invention provides a way to transmit a recommendation message to the prospect-user via a
15 communication conduit such as a computer network. After viewing an associated profile on the client-user, the prospect-user may respond to the recommendation message by sending a response message to the client-user. The client-user may then view a profile on the prospect-user and elect to reply to the prospect-user's response message. If all of the parties involved indicate a

willingness to meet, the system provides a way for the parties to contact one another.

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